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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The following is in response to the Advisory Action mailed April 16, 2004, which is a reply to Applicant's prior Response filed March 26, 2004 which in turn was in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was April 7, 2004.

Applicant's hereby request a two month extension of time, upto and including June 7, 2004. The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Order No. PA-00107US.

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